***Development ot* Araku valley in Andhra Pradesh for tourism**

2300, SHRI V. HANUMANTHA RAO. Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have made any survey of the tourism potential of Araku Valley in Andhra Pradesh;

(b) if so, the details (hereof;

(.c) whether it is a fact that the Araku Valley could be developed as the premier hill station in Eastern Ghats in Andhra Pradesh; and

(d) what steps are proposed to be taken to assist in development of infrastructure in Araku Valley for tourism?

THt: MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD); (a) to (c) The Government of Andhra Pradesh conducted a survey of tourist places in the 5tate including Araku Valley in the year 1990. The development of Borr Lime Stone caves near Araku Valley and creation of trekking facilities are t".; recommendations contained in the succey report, No such survey has, however, been conducted by the Central Government.

(d) Central financial assistance for the development of tourism infrastructure is provided on the basis of specific project proposals received from the State Government and availability of resources. A sum of Rs. 4.5 lakhs was thus sanctioned during 1990-91 for flood lighting of Borra caves and Rs, 10.54 lakhs was sanctioned during 1992-93 for the purchase of trekking equipments

Conversion of Gaya Aerodrome Into International Airport

2301, SHRIMATI KAMLA SINHA:
SHRI MOHAMMED AFZAL alias MEEM AFZAL:

WiU- the Minister of CIVIL AVIA TION AND TOURISM be pleased Io state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Gaya and Bodh Gaya in Bihar are major centres of pilgrimage;

(b) whether Bodh Gaya has the potential to attract Buddhists from al! over the world;

(c) if so, whether Government intend to convert Gaya aerodrome into an international airport and develop a tourist infrastructure in the area; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD); (a) and (b) Yes, Sir.

(c) and (d) There is no proposal t» convert Gaya airport into an internatio nal airport. Department of Tourism have sanctioned various schemes since 1990-91 at a cost of Rs. 50.05 lacs fof development of tourist facilities in Gaya and Bodh Gaya, and Bodh Gaya.

इंडियन एयरलाइंस की विमानों में शराब परोसे जाने पर प्रतिबंध

2302. श्री सोमपाल :
श्री अनन्त राम जायसवाल
श्री शारदा महन्ती :

क्या नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री यह बताने की कृपा करेंगे कि :

(क) क्या भारत सरकार को विभिन्न नगरों और संस्थाओं से इंडियन एयरलाइंस की घरेलू उड़ानों में शराब न परोसे जाने के संबंध में अनुरोध प्राप्त हुये हैं ; और

(ख) इस संबंध में सरकार ने क्या निर्णय लिया है?

नागर विमानन और पर्यटन मंत्री (श्री गुलाम नबी आजाद) : (क) और (ख) जी, नहीं। इंडियन एयरलाइन्स अन्तर्देशीय उड़ानों पर ज़रा भी परोसे जाने के हाल के प्रतिबंध से भी पहले ज़रा भी नहीं परोसती थी।

Disinestment by AI

:.-03. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Wi!! the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state;

(a) whether Air India propose to go in or "disinvestment" to raise money iron private investors to launch its modernisation programme which includes l»e acquisition of new generation aircrafts; and

"l') if so. what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER QF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GMULAM NABI AZAD); (a) At present there is no proposal for dis-invetment of Government shares in Air India.

Cb) Does not arise.

Setting K,p rf Aircraft Heavy Engineering and .Maintenance Unit at Ahmedabad

2304. MISS SAROJ KHAPARDE: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

iii) whether an Aircraft Heavy Engineering and Maintenance Unit is proposed to be set up in Ahmedabad by Damania Airways Limited;

jjj) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) by when it is likely to be become operational?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) to (c) Approval of Director General of Civil Aviation D.G.C.A.) is necessary for establishing such a unit. No proposal has yet been submitted by M/s Damania Airways io DGCA in this regard.

Warning to the KLM (Dutch) Airlines

2305. SHRI SANJAY DAI MIA: WiU the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased Io -late:

(a) whether it is a fact that Government have issued a warning to the KUM. (Dutch) Airlines that its landing lights at Bombay >will be cancelled for foiling .0 bring m more tourists;

(b) whether on the reciprocal basis Air India also flies to Amstedaras and

(c) if not, what arc the reasons there-for?

THE MINISTER OF OV1! - AVIA-TION AND TOURISM (SHRI GHULAM NABI AZAD): (a) No, Si:.

(b) No, Sir.

(c) Air India does not operote to Amsterdam as the operation is not considered commercially viable at present.

Misuse of trolleys meant for passengers at IGIA

2306. SHRI VIREN J. SHAH:
SHRI PRAMOD MAHAJAN:
SHRI KRISHNA KUMAR BIRLA:

WiU the Minister Of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether the trolleys meant for passengers at the Indira Gandhi International Airports in the Capital are being misused by the residents of the illegal hutments in the nighbourhood and also for smuggling goods, as reported in the Times of India of June 30, 1994;

(b) if so, what are the detail* ->. this regard;

(c) whether there is any illegal nexus between some employees of the Airport and the encroachers, and if not, how